

fib UK

**Notes of a fib UK group meeting
Held on 21 June 2005
At the offices of The Concrete Society**

Present: Gordon Clark Chairman
 Ben Bowsher
 Steve Denton
 Charles Goodchild
 Tony Jones
 Martin Powell
 Ted Kay Secretary

1. APOLOGIES

The following apologies had been received:

Stuart Alexander
Clive Budge
Pal Chana
Martin Clarke
Sam Luke
Stuart Matthews

2. RECORD OF LAST MEETING

The notes of the 16 November 2004 meeting were accepted.

3. MATTERS ARISING

- The fib article in CONCRETE had subsequently appeared in the Concrete Society Source Book 2005 and a presentation had been made at the British Precast AGM and Conference
- Unfortunately, Mark Raiss had not been able to attend the New Delhi meeting. As will be seen from the report on New Delhi, things have moved on with regard to the opportunities for UK to hold an event in 2008.

4. MEMBERSHIP & SUBSCRIPTIONS

- UK membership has increased to 11 plus CIL as a corresponding member. A list is provided at the end of these notes. We will have achieved our immediate goal, in relation to this year's fee structure, if one more member is recruited.
- There is still optimism that additional members can be recruited. In addition to the contacts listed in the notes of the last meeting, it was agreed to make contact as follows:

ORGANISATION	CONTACT	ACTION BY:
Strongforce	Hugh Jones	Tony (when fib invoice has been received)
CONSTRUCT	Robin Holdsworth	Charles
White Young Green	Robert Slota	Ted

- Internationally, 65 organisations buy fib publications direct from Thomas Telford. This costs them 3 times as much as if they were fib members. Moves should be made so that CIL becomes the official retailer, once the arrangement with Thomas Telford comes to an end. This would supplement the income of fib UK Group and also let us know which organisations are purchasing fib reports.
- We should continue the targeted drive for new members as set out in the notes of the previous meeting. This is in order to build up reserves and also to adopt the approach of a two-tier subscription structure with Concrete Society members receiving a discount.
- This year's finances look OK with subscription income of £6000 and subscription payable to fib of around £5600 / £5700.
(Post meeting note: The confirmed subscription income is £6620 and the subscription to fib £5690 giving a current balance of £930)
- The aim should be to try to build up a reserve with the objective of being able to support the cost of travel.
- Subscriptions – as noted in the report from Budapest meeting of Council, there will be a 5% increase in the subscription for national groups in 2006. The subscription for an fib (UK) member is therefore likely to be around £630 – less if we can attract new members.

5. REPORT FROM BUDAPEST COUNCIL (May 2005)

- Gordon's notes of the Budapest Council are attached.
A symposium in Amsterdam has been agreed for May 2008. If fib UK wishes to host a symposium also in that year, we need to:
 - formulate a written proposal in time for the La Plata symposium in September 2005.
 - make a formal proposal at the Naples congress in June 2006.

Martin noted that the Concrete Society would be able to organise a UK event and that there is support from The Concrete Centre and BCA. The Society will have an events organiser by then. An event in UK could assist in rekindling national interest in fib.

Gordon gained the distinct impression at the Budapest meeting that UK (London or, say, Edinburgh) would be a popular venue.

Martin will discuss the possibility with Mr Rüdiger.

- An alternative would be to bid to host the next high strength concrete symposium. This symposium is currently underway (20th to 24th June) in Washington.
(Post meeting note: Andrew Minson, who attended the conference, says that Japan was being suggested as the next venue. Conferences are held every three years and therefore the next one is due in 2008. Conferences have been held in a variety of locations and it is not an exclusively American event. Andrew will try to find out how the next venue is decided through a contact he made at the symposium).

- Gordon is to circulate the web site address for the Dubrovnik 2007 Symposium.
(Post meeting note: The web site address is fib-dubrovnik-2007@igh.hr but it is not yet active)
- A list of fib publications under development is attached. Drafts can be obtained by e-mailing the relevant chairman and asking for the opportunity to comment on a draft or alternatively by contacting a UK person on the committee.
It was noted that there had been a call for more practical papers to be submitted to the Journal.
- Honours / Awards. The following were suggested as possible nominations for the Freyssinet Medal:
 - Robert Benaim
 - Zaha Hadid
 - William Frischmann
 and for possible nomination as fib honorary members for their contributions to Eurocode 2:
 - Robin Whittle
 - N Narayanan
- A draft change in structure had been tabled at the Budapest meeting. A copy of a presentation is attached. This will have little effect on UK and it was agreed that we would have no comment on the draft changes.

6. MODEL CODE 2006

- The current status was not available for the meeting.
(Post meeting note: The most recent meeting was held in Lausanne on 5th and 6th June. The meeting notes should include a revised contents list. This will be circulated when it becomes available.)

7. fib AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING STRUCTURES

- Details and entry forms have been circulated.
- CS were asked to review entries to their awards for the qualifying period (2001 to 2005) to determine if any were worthy of being submitted, though fib (UK) committee would have final say. The sponsoring organisations for prospective entries would be contacted to see if they wished to go forward. It was agreed that a winner of the Concrete Society award could be nominated without the need for an additional meeting.

8. fib (UK) EVENTS

- As noted in Item 5 above, we need to develop proposals in the near future, if an international event is to be held in UK in 2008.
- We should try to tie-in a fib (UK) event with next year's CS Members' Day. Alternatively, there could be a stand alone CS / fib (UK) event in February or March 2006 in say Birmingham or Loughborough to cover such activities as current fib activities, recent fib publications and Eurocode implementation.

9. PARTICIPATION AT COUNCIL (SEPT 2005) LA PLATA

- There were no volunteers but, as noted above, we need to send a written proposal, if an event is to be held in UK in 2008.

10. UK SECRETARIAT ARRANGEMENTS

- Ted Kay has taken over the secretarial role for the Society and is also the Concrete Society's nominated representative to fib (UK) committee.

11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Every year we need to formally review nominations to attend fib meetings. Current nominations are as follows:

Gordon Clark (Head of delegation)

Stuart Matthews

Ben Bowsher

Deputies:

Charles Goodchild

Martin Powell (replaced by Ted Kay)

Pal Chana

- It was noted that much work on fib documents is undertaken by academics. The fib (UK) group should try to establish better links with UK academics. It was also noted that the fib Journal and symposia provide a vehicle for academics to publish papers. CS mails the academic community every month – details of fib publications could be included. Martin is to send Steve a list of the academic members of the Society.
- In the longer term, we should look at the possibility of aligning the Society's committee structure with that of fib.
- A listing of UK members who are active on fib technical committees is attached.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

- **THURSDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2005**
- **1.30 lunch for 2.00 start**
- **Concrete Society Offices CAMBERLEY**

Please note that the fib web site address is now www.fib-international.org

Actions

Item	Action	By
5	Written proposal for UK event in 2008	?
5	Discuss the possibility of UK 2008 event with Mr Rüdiger	Martin
5	UK nominations for Freyssinet medal and fib honorary membership	?
6	Circulate contents list for Model Code when received from Stuart	Ted
7	Review past winners of Concrete Society Awards	CS
8	Plan to include fib in next years CS Members' Day / consider stand alone event in 2006	?
11	Include fib publications in mailings to CS academic members	CS
12	Send listing of CS academic members to Steve	Martin
	Action from previous meeting	
	Find password to enable fib (UK) members to access members area on fib web site	CS

Ted Kay
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Current fib UK Group members:

- 1 British Cement Association
- 2 British Precast Concrete Federation
- 3 Building Research Establishment
- 4 Celsa Manufacturing UK
- 5 The Concrete Centre
- 6 Gifford and Partners
- 7 Mouchel Parkman
- 8 Arup Group Ltd
- 9 Parsons Brinkerhoff
- 10 UK Cares
- 11 WSP Group

- 12 Concrete Information Ltd (Corresponding)

Attached as separate files:

Gordon's notes of Budapest meeting
List of fib publications
Presentation on proposed fib structure
List of UK members of fib committees